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# Longtime councilor Mineo passes away

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AGAWAM – For 20 years, if you were looking for a city councilor who was dedicated to community, looked for what was best for the town, and returned your phone calls and always wanted to hear your concerns, Joseph Mineo was the councilor you called.

For 20 years, 10 two-years terms, Mineo served on the Agawam City Council faithful. He was constantly in attendance, present at meetings, and was not passive

if he had an opinion on something.

Mineo, 62, passed away from lung cancer last Friday afternoon.

There was nothing more enjoyable for his son Carmino, than getting to see his father at work every other Monday night.

“When I was a kid, I always just wanted to be with him,” said Carmino Mineo. “But if I couldn’t, then I was



Longtime Agawam City Councilor Joseph Mineo passed away last week at the age of 62. FILE PHOTO

able to watch him on TV during his meetings. That was the coolest thing, watching your dad on TV.”

The apple did not fall far from the tree as Carmino followed in his father’s footsteps and won a seat on the Agawam School Committee in 2014. Joseph Mineo was very proud of that moment, making sure to request his photo be taken with

his son following their first swearing-in ceremony together.

Carmino said the passing of his father has been hard for him and his family. He said cancer cut his dad’s life short, and they had more time to spend together.

“Just last year I was out golfing with him,” said Carmino Mineo. “And now, it’s just so hard with him gone.”

Carmino said his father loved the town, and loved serving the town. When he retired from the council in 2019, Carmino recalled his father’s retirement speech.

“He said one of his regrets was not spending enough time with his family,” said Carmino Mineo. “But we always fully supported him. We saw him on TV, and we know he loved what he did. We loved spending time with him out holding signs for him, or for other candidates he was supporting.”

Mineo had many friends on the committee, including Anthony Suffriti, who was voted onto the council six years ago.

“Joe was like a dad to me,” said Suffriti. “He took me under his

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# Parents raise concerns over further distance learning

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AGAWAM – The final meeting of the Agawam School Committee was held on June 23. In the public comment portion of the meeting, concerns over distance learning were raised by residents.

One mother wrote into the school committee to talk about her daughter’s struggles. She said one of her children was a fifth grader at Roberta Doering School.

“During the pandemic,” the parent wrote. “She struggled to complete her work. I had to be on top of her to complete her assignments. She withdrew from her friends and family. I saw my happy-go-lucky 11-year-old become sad and depressed.”

She shared that her and her husband were both essential employees working through the pandemic. She pleaded with the committee that her children need to be in school with their peers and friends.

“They need some normal back in their lives,” the parent said.

She referenced the fact children are commonly considered low-risk to catch or be adversely affected by COVID-19, and believes their suffering should stop.

She advocated for the return of schooling to be a parent’s choice.

She said parents who feel safe returning their children to school should be allowed to do so, and parents who do not feel safe should be allowed to keep their children at home.

“I am just one of many parents who feel this way,” said the parent. “What is right for Boston is not right for our children.”

A second parent, Michael Perry, called distance learning “ineffective.”

“I think this (distance learning) is completely ineffective as a means to educate our children,” said Perry. He stated the onus is placed on parents to do the job of highly qualified and effective teachers at schools.

“It is clear we need a better solution,” said Perry. “I believe our children need to be learning in a proper educational environment under the skilled care of our professional educators.”

He said a private group of more than 507 including parents and educators who agree a return to school is needed.

Perry acknowledged that Agawam may be restricted in being able to act on the wishes of these parents.

It is unclear in early July exactly what school will or will not look like in the fall. Two sets of guidance have been published in

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# Scouts schedule next bottle drive



SUBMITTED PHOTO

Troop 82 of Agawam will be conducting a bottle & can drive Saturday, July 18 from 9 a.m. to 12 noon at the Agawam Congregational Church, 745 Main St., Agawam. After being forced to cancel their annual pancake breakfast this spring, the Troop has turned to a bottle & can

drive to be their major fundraiser this year. Funds raised will be used for troop activities, training, and gear.

Founded in 1960, Troop 82 is Agawam’s longest running Boy Scout troop. Troop 82 has a year-round program and accepts new members at any time.

Scouts will follow current safety guidelines and can remove donations from your vehicle. They are also offering no contact pick up of donations before July 18 if desired. Please email [troop82agawam@gmail.com](mailto:troop82agawam@gmail.com) to make arrangements.



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## ARREST LOG

The Agawam Police Department responded to 509 calls for service from June 29 to July 5 and recorded the following arrests. No arrests in the public log have been omitted. All suspects are innocent until proven guilty.

### Friday, June 3

David Russell Johnson, 61, of 19 Rest Way, Springfield, was arrested at 1:11 a.m. for marked lanes violation, operating under the influence of liquor, negligent operation of a motor vehicle, possession of an open container, and unlicensed operation of a motor vehicle.

### Sunday, June 5

Joshua Ridan Lesser, 19, of 16 Faymore Dr., Agawam, was arrested at 12:59 p.m. for negligent operation of a motor vehicle, failure to stop for police, and resisting arrest.

## PVPC receives grant for age-friendly initiative

SPRINGFIELD – To help engage and advance healthy aging throughout the region, the Pioneer Valley Planning Commission recently received a \$195,000 grant from the Tufts Health Plan Foundation.

The three-year grant will be used to convene a Pioneer Valley Age Friendly Collaborative to engage member communities in planning for an aging population.

“We have an opportunity to think differently about how our systems are addressing community needs,” said Nora Moreno Cargie, president of Tufts Health Plan Foundation and vice president for corporate citizenship at Tufts Health Plan. “We are living in unprecedented times. We need to learn from this experience and think about how we can change the conditions that hold problems in

place.”

This project, led by the PVPC, formalizes an existing effort around age-friendly planning in the region. PVPC will partner with municipal planning departments, councils on aging, health care and service providers, community organizations, universities and residents to create municipal Age Friendly action plans that reflect priorities of the region’s current and future older adults.

“We are excited to expand planning for healthy aging to municipalities throughout the PVPC region,” commented Becky Basch, senior planner with the PVPC. “And by bringing together all of the cities and towns that are planning for an aging population, we will create a valuable space for sharing ideas and best practices at the local and regional levels.”

## Registration underway for annual Jimmy Fund Walk

BOSTON – Registration is now open for the 2020 Boston Marathon Jimmy Fund Walk: Your Way presented by Hyundai. This year, the walk will have a different look as it transforms into a virtual event in an effort to ensure the safety of everyone in the community.

Participants will be encouraged to “Walk Your Way” from wherever they are most comfortable — whether that be from their neighborhood, favorite trail, or from a treadmill in their own home on Sunday, Oct. 4.

While the event will not physically bring walkers together along the famed Boston Marathon course, it will continue to unite the community to raise funds to support all forms of adult and pediatric patient care and cancer research at Da-

na-Farber Cancer Institute. The Jimmy Fund Walk has raised more than \$145 million for Dana-Farber Cancer Institute in its more than 30-year history.

This year’s event will have a lower fundraising requirement (\$100 for adults and \$25 for those 12-years-old and younger) and everyone will pay a \$5 registration fee. Each walker who registers will receive a bib and medal, and the first 5,000 walkers to register will receive a commemorative T-shirt.

Anyone interested in additional information can reference the Jimmy Fund Walk: Your Way frequently asked questions or can send an email to JimmyFundWalk@DFCI.Harvard.edu.

To register or to support a walker, visit [www.JimmyFundWalk.org](http://www.JimmyFundWalk.org) or call 866-531-9255.

## Curbside service currently only means to access library

AGAWAM – The Agawam Library is not yet open to the public, but we can bring books and movies out to your car. Do you know what you want? Visit [www.agawamlibrary.org](http://www.agawamlibrary.org) to login to your library record and request items. Only request Agawam items that are on the shelf. Once you’ve placed the holds please call us at 413-789-1550 to let us know that you have placed the holds. Do you want help figuring out what you want? Call us. You can reach us by calling 413-789-1550.

When your items are ready someone from the library will call you to set up a pick up time. The library is located at 750 Cooper Street, Agawam, MA 01001. When you arrive at the library call 413-789-1550 so we know you’re here. Then open your trunk and stay in the vehicle. Library staff will bring your items out and put them in the trunk.

As always if you have any questions please call 413-789-1550 & we’ll help you out.

## Hampden County Sheriff Nick Cocchi postpones 2020 summer cookout

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, Hampden County Sheriff Nick Cocchi has postponed this year’s summer cookout.

The cookout typically draws people from across the Commonwealth and although Massachusetts has seen significant success in flattening the curve, the sheriff doesn’t want to take any chances when it comes to health and safety.

“We considered several possibilities for social distancing, but it just made sense to cancel this year’s event,” said Sheriff Cocchi. “We don’t know where things will stand with the pandemic come August and the last thing we want to do is help facilitate anyone getting sick.”

Sheriff Cocchi’s team is work-

ing on planning a similar event to take place outdoors in October, assuming it is safe to hold such an event at that time. Details on that gathering, if it proceeds, will be forthcoming as the fall approaches.

“As much as we are ready for this to be over, we have to remain cautious to keep everybody safe and healthy,” Sheriff Cocchi said. “We are hopeful about putting something together for the fall, but regardless, we are already looking forward to next year’s summer cookout. It’s always nice to see the people we serve alongside our law enforcement community and our legislators, and we will get together when it’s safe to do so.”

## Introductory fishing classes available online

Those interested in learning to fish may now do so in the comfort of their own homes by utilizing their home computer. The Massachusetts Division of Fisheries and Wildlife is now offering free, online introductory fishing classes designed to teach the basics to folks of all ages.

Topics include gear required to take the first cast, where to find fishing spots, fish identification and anatomy, as well as the basic rules and regulations for fishing

the inland waters of the commonwealth.

Classes are available, Monday, July 13; Tuesday, July 21 and Wednesday, July 29. All classes will take place from 4 to 6 p.m.

Registration is required as space is limited to 50 people per class. Upon registration, participants will receive a link to join the virtual classroom.

For more information or to register, visit [mass.gov/service-details/angler-education-calendar](http://mass.gov/service-details/angler-education-calendar).



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# Robotic technologies maintain food supply chain during pandemic

AGAWAM – The COVID-19 pandemic has disrupted virtually every aspect of modern life and every global industry. As the virus spreads among many workers, forcing them to quarantine, and as social distancing guidelines keep others at home, the pace and consistency of work has suffered.

This is apparent in the food processing and distribution industry, which has seen outbreaks of the virus among its workers, as well as breakdowns in the distribution system, endangering the supply chain. Belt Technologies, Inc. designs and manufactures solid stainless steel belts and conveyor systems that help robotic technologies perform in the grocery and warehouse sectors reliably and efficiently.

“Warehouse and grocery sector robot-

ics, powered by steel belt technologies, keep industries and supply chains running during this extended period of crisis,” said Mike Loomer, Business Development Manager for the Americas. “Common tasks of robots include lifting, moving and sorting, allowing for increased production rates and 40 percent efficiencies over other warehouse designs.”

Since robots require neither social distancing nor sick time, they can continue to operate during times of crisis, such as the coronavirus pandemic, when human workers are at risk. Robots running on steel belt technologies can lift heavy grocery and warehouse totes. They can deploy multiple synchronized belts with tight tolerances, increasing the robot’s lifespan and allowing for repeatability across mass batches of

production.

The high tensile strength of steel belts makes them exceptionally resilient, and helps prevent jams in robotic automation. Steel belts also do not stretch or elongate, and can withstand extreme environments such as high or low temperatures and vacuums. They reliably perform tasks that demand rapid acceleration, precise positioning and repetition. They are also sanitary and easy to clean, making them ideal for use in the warehouse and grocery sectors, where hygiene is a critical issue, especially in today’s climate.

“Robotics, using our steel belt technology, can increase food supply security and strengthen the resilience of the food chain,” said Loomer. “This keeps supermarket shelves well-stocked and allows for time-

ly home deliveries for customers who are wary of visiting stores during the pandemic.”

In addition to the grocery and warehouse industries, robotic technologies are prevalent in silicon wafer manufacturing for the semiconductor industry. This equipment also depends predominantly on stainless steel drive tapes for similar reasons, in addition to their ability to avoid generating particulate matter and outgassing.

Belt Technologies’ sophisticated engineering, advanced manufacturing processes, and unlimited custom designs can suit any application. For more information, visit [belttechnologies.com](http://belttechnologies.com).

## Regional Planning Commission receives \$195,000 grant

Pioneer Valley Planning Commission was awarded a three-year grant for \$195,000 from Tufts Health Plan Foundation.

The funds will be used to convene a Pioneer Valley Age Friendly Collaborative that will engage member communities in planning for an aging population. This is one of 13 new community investments totaling \$1.7 million that reflect the Foundation’s support of collaborative community efforts and systems change to advance healthy aging.

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About Tufts Health Plan Foundation

Established in 2008, Tufts Health Plan Foundation supports the health and wellness of the diverse communities we serve. The Foundation has given more than \$40 million to Massachusetts, New Hampshire, and Rhode Island nonprofits that promote healthy living with an emphasis on older adults. The Foundation began funding in New Hampshire in 2016 and in Connecticut in 2019. The Tufts Health Plan Foundation funds programs that move communities toward implementing age-friendly policies and practices that are relevant, focus on older adults and include them in community solutions. Visit [www.tuftshealthplanfoundation.org](http://www.tuftshealthplanfoundation.org) or follow us on Twitter, Facebook, and YouTube.

## Baker-Polito Administration announces \$20 million in rental and mortgage assistance

BOSTON – On June 30th, the Baker-Polito Administration announced a new \$20 million, statewide fund to assist low-income households facing difficulty making rent and mortgage payments. The Emergency Rental and Mortgage Assistance (ERMA) program will provide direct funding to eligible households who have suffered financial hardship during the State of Emergency put in place to combat the spread of COVID-19.

ERMA will expand eligibility for rental and mortgage assistance to more low-income households who have been impacted by the crisis by adjusting the income threshold beyond the state’s traditional Residential Assistance for Families in Transition (RAFT) program. This includes households within the 50-80% range of Area Median Income (AMI). Like the RAFT program, ERMA will provide up to \$4,000 for eligible households to pay rent or mortgage payments in arrears going back to payments due April 1, 2020. Beginning July 1, applicants can reach out to the eleven agencies that administer RAFT on the state’s behalf, this includes the nine Housing Consumer Education Centers, as well as LHAND and the Central Massachusetts Housing Alliance.

Funding for the new program includes \$10 million from the supplemental CDBG Coronavirus (CDBG-CV) fund, part of the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES Act), in addition to other federal resources. This new funding will serve twice as many households as the traditional RAFT program by greatly expanding eligibility to families who would otherwise not qualify for RAFT. This new emergency program builds on the Administration’s work to stabilize families during this uncertain time. In March, Governor Baker an-

nounced a \$5 million expansion of RAFT.

Since the beginning of the State of Emergency, the Administration has supported housing stability for households across the Commonwealth. The Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) has drafted emergency regulations to protect tenants under the eviction and foreclosure moratorium, supported our state-aided public housing and affordable housing operators with guidance, and worked with stakeholders across the state to coordinate resources. Additional resources and information can be found on the department’s COVID-19 Resource Page.

DHCD has received more than \$160 million in federal funding through the CARES Act, including more than \$20 million which has been distributed to Community Action Agencies for anti-poverty work, and is preparing to allocate additional funding for shelter providers and municipalities. DHCD is also working with CHAPA and Mass Housing Partnership to track local emergency rental assistance programs and other resources available to those affected by the COVID-19 pandemic.

Last week, the Baker-Polito Administration unveiled a COVID-19 economic recovery package to respond to challenges brought on by the COVID-19 pandemic. The \$275 million package, designed to promote equity across the Commonwealth, proposes \$40 million for neighborhood stabilization to bring safe, affordable housing units back on the market, \$10 million for sustainable, climate resilient affordable housing, and includes the language of An Act to Promote Housing Choices, the Administration’s bill to advance new housing production in Massachusetts by reforming zoning laws.

## Tourism councils launch statewide billboard campaign

BOSTON – Beginning this month, commuters throughout the commonwealth will see “postcards of love” from the state’s tourism destination. For the next three months, digital billboards and MBTA stations will display “With Love From” messages from the tourism regions of Massachusetts.

The billboard campaign is part of an initiative developed by the state’s Regional Tourism Councils, including the Greater Springfield Convention and Visitors Bureau, to help restart the industry as the state reopens and to remind folks they can be a tourist from home.

“At the same moment Gov. [Charlie] Baker declared a state of emergency on March 10, the 16 Regional Tourism Council directors were meeting in Boston,” said Ann Marie Casey, co-chair of MA RTCs. “It was immediately evident to us that the damage to the tourism industry was going to be historic and we needed to plan for the day we could reopen.”

A marketing subcommittee of the councils quickly convened, reviewed the emerging research, committed funding and produced the “With Love From” theme with a new SpiritofMa.com landing page. The

billboards will lead to a landing page where visitors may choose a region of interest and click through to destination websites for regional updates and travel information.

“During these challenging times, we applaud this unified effort to market the commonwealth as an ideal place to vacation when the time is right,” said Keiko Orrall, executive director of the Massachusetts Office of Travel and Tourism.

Recent traveler sentiment surveys suggest that folks will travel close to home and will look for accommodations, dining and activities outdoors that are attesting to safety guidelines. Travel and tourism is one of Massachusetts’ key industries, accounting for nearly \$24.2 billion in direct spending in 2018 and generating \$1.6 billion in state and local taxes. The “With Love From” campaign reminds Massachusetts residents that the travel industry is open and safely caring for guests, and that its family and neighbors who work in the tourism industry are looking forward to going back to work.

To see images of the billboards and landing page, visit [SpiritofMa.com](http://SpiritofMa.com).

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# Opinion

GUEST COLUMN

## Was it something I said?

More often than not, normal conversations are back-and-forth discussions. The dialogue is often productive and meaningful. In lonely contrast, a monologue is usually described as a single statement spoken by one person.

Apparently spoken words can actually enhance different situations and there's no two ways about it.

Perhaps you've heard the expression, "A one way conversation is for the birds." True. It's hard to listen for an answer when talking to birds, or talking to yourself. Yet, I must admit, that the only bird that I've heard talk was in my earliest years on Planet Earth. The wordy birdy was Pete, our blue and yellow parakeet. And, the extent of his repeated vocabulary was "pretty boy."

However, in our cozy, little corner of the world, the conversations are still continuing about and with our home's entrance-light-nested, parenting barn swallows. Their lifestyles are domestically and aeronautically impressive. During the day they swoop and scoop for insects from God's nourishing ground. At night they settle over newly-hatched nestlings for a summer time snooze.

The stop and chat conversations, from Barn Swallow parents to persons, is still ongoing! So, whenever we go outside to the car, there's a protocol.

Tap. Tap. We rap on our inside door before leaving to warn them, so that the little nestlings aren't startled. Then the parents dart from their nest. As we walk toward the car, they soar in overhead flight patterns, performing and showing off their soaring skills with wide-spread wings they flaunt their forked tails. After zooming in for a touchdown landing on our white-globe lawn lantern, they perch only feet from us, looking in our direction, they wait with un-baited breath for our greetings.

"WELL, HELLO! How's your day going?"

Each barn swallow stands on spindle legs, with titled heads — as if attentive to our cheerful, soft-spoken words. As our conversation ensues, they reply by fluffing their feathers. When our bird-to-human dialogue is over, after getting into our car and looking back — they are still there watching our every move.

Also, other home-turf conversations are said to be beneficial. In fact, since the mid 1800s there's a theory that talking to plants is one of the ways to help them grow. (Now that's a down-to-earth monologue for sure. Yes. I've certainly had words with outdoor plants, mainly asking, "Please grow enough to crowd out the weeds.")

Other times I've conversed well by whispering sweet somethings to my indoor plants. "Goodness! You look a little dry today!" So, I gushed water over them. (Although I talked often to my house plants, it remains a mystery why most of them went to "plant heaven.")

Whether it's those earlier chats with barn swallows, (even if one-way conversations) — do you suppose it was because of something that was said?

GUEST



JOAN E. B. COOMBS



## Letters to the Editor

### Grateful to EB's for fundraising

**Dear Editor:**

The GFWC Agawam Junior Women's Club would like to extend our gratitude to EB's Restaurant for their continued support by sponsoring our club in their "Give Back Monday" program on June 29, 2020. EB's generously donates 10% of all food sales on a designated Monday, to a community service organi-

zation.

The GFWC Agawam Junior Women's Club is a member of the General Federation of Women's Clubs. Our objective is to enrich the quality of life in our community through a variety of educational, social, and cultural programs. Proceeds from "Give Back Monday" will allow us to continue programs such as Bin-

go for Books, Holiday Baskets, Town Wide Spelling Bee, Scholarships, and First Time Bus Riders, to name a few.

Many thanks,  
**Susan L Godfrey, Ways and Means, GFWC Agawam Junior Women's Club**

### Stone presentation a success

**Dear Editor**

The GFWC Agawam Junior Women's Club was proud to have presented Judith Black as Lucy Stone on June 26. The upcoming 100th anniversary of the adoption of the 19th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution, ratified in 1920, prohibiting the federal and state governments from denying citizens the right to vote on the basis of sex is an exciting time to present such a program.

A contemporary of Susan B

Anthony and Elizabeth Cady Stanton, Lucy Stone, the best known female orator of her era addressed the issues of Woman's Rights and Abolition.

Many thanks to Les Tingley, Agawam Media Manager and Judith Black for their behind the scenes work to make this program happen. We certainly would have liked to present the program in person to the public, but with current Covid-19 state and town restrictions we were

happy to offer an alternative way to bring this to the public via streaming on Agawam Media.

Sincere thanks to the Agawam Cultural Council and Westfield Bank (including Mary Ann Ludtke Agawam Branch Manager) and for their support of this program.

**Donna Shibley  
Co-President, GFWC Agawam Junior Women's Club**

### Local rental assistance program needed

**Dear Editor:**

Only 13 people from Agawam applied to Wayfinders for RAFT rental or mortgage assistance during COVID thru June 24, 2020. This is of great concern because a recent Metropolitan Area Planning Council study found that 494 Agawam households need assistance in an estimated amount of \$432,383. (<https://www.mapc.org/planning101/update-the-covid-19-layoff-housing-gap/>).

It may be that people are not aware of the help that is available, think they would not be eligible, or have never needed help before and are unsure how to proceed. But these Agawam residents are in danger of losing their homes when the moratorium on evictions and foreclosures ends August 18, 2020 if they do not get assistance. The Cares Act unemployment supplement, which has been claimed by 1891 Agawam residents, expires July 30th, so cannot help.

RAFT, a longstanding state homelessness prevention pro-

gram, assists households with incomes up to 50% of the Area Median Income. The newly created ERMA (Emergency Rental and Mortgage Assistance) program provides assistance to households with incomes up to 80% of the Area Median Income. Both programs look at current income, which for many in the lock-down is unemployment or nothing. Wayfinders encourages those unable to pay their rent or mortgage because of COVID-19, to apply for assistance at [www.wayfindersma.org](http://www.wayfindersma.org) or by calling 413-233-1500. For those who are not eligible for RAFT or ERMA, Wayfinders can provide assistance to determine what other help may be available. Wayfinders has been swamped with applications and has asked for patience from applicants as it may take from 3 to 5 business days to reply. They also encourage anyone who has applied, but not heard back, to call again.

20,000 evictions in Massachusetts are predicted by the Housing Court system and landlord

advocates when the moratorium ends. As it stands, there will not be sufficient funds to help all, and smaller landlords in particular who have not been paid need money as soon as possible. A growing number of communities in Massachusetts are creating local rental assistance programs through CPA funds or Housing Trusts. Agawam does not have a Housing Trust but does have money in CPA funds specifically designated for housing which can be used for emergency rental assistance, as can money in the larger unreserved fund balance. CPA can help households with incomes up to 80% of the Area Median Income. It is in the best interest of the town to immediately put in place a local rental assistance program for Agawam people who need help, so they can safely stay in their homes.

Sincerely,  
**Corinne M. Wingard**



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# More Junior High awards



AGAWAM – Teachers from Agawam Junior High School joined forces and toured the town giving out end-of-school-year awards. Three weeks ago, a bus carrying the teachers went door-to-door greeting students they have not been able to see in person for more than three months. Awards went out to dozens of students for various subjects, honor roll, and perfect attendance.



A representative of Team UMass waves a flag as Noah Manale smiles. SUBMITTED PHOTOS

Briella Desautels smiles with her parents, Tad and Nikki after receiving her award.



Kyleigh Flood shows off her award.



Lucy Chivers celebrates her awards as a member of Team Springfield College.



Gabe Rua receives a principal's award.



Brianna Manes proudly poses with her parents.



Rachel Magistri was another award winner for Agawam Junior High.

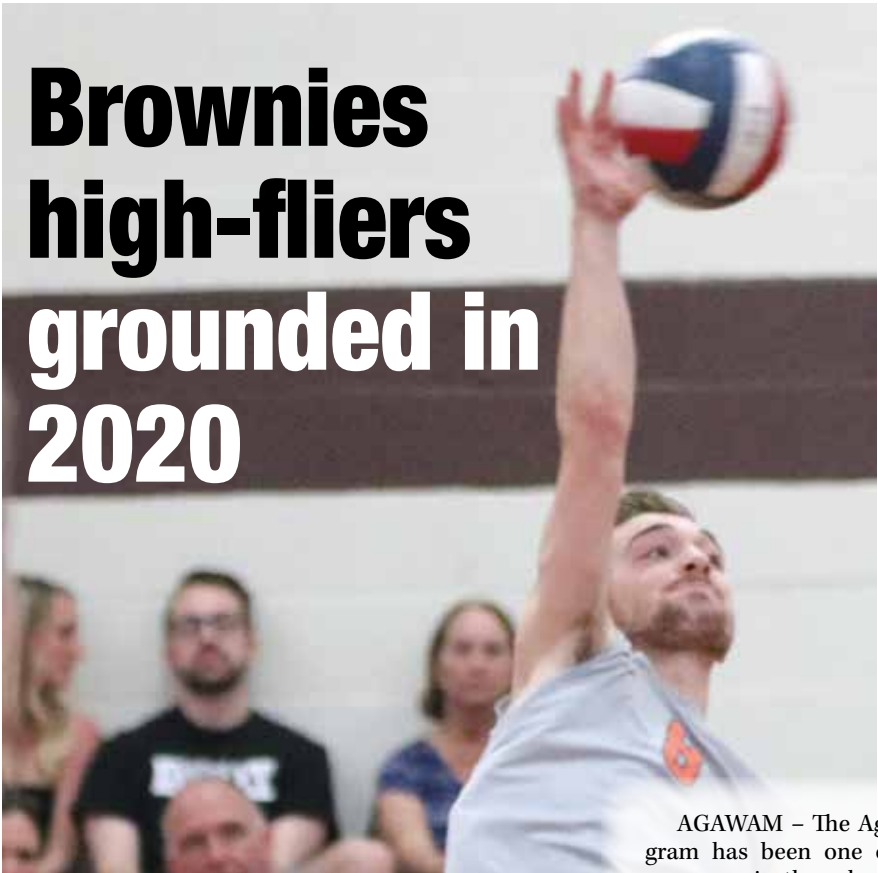


Vincent Catelotti poses with his family as the flag circles.

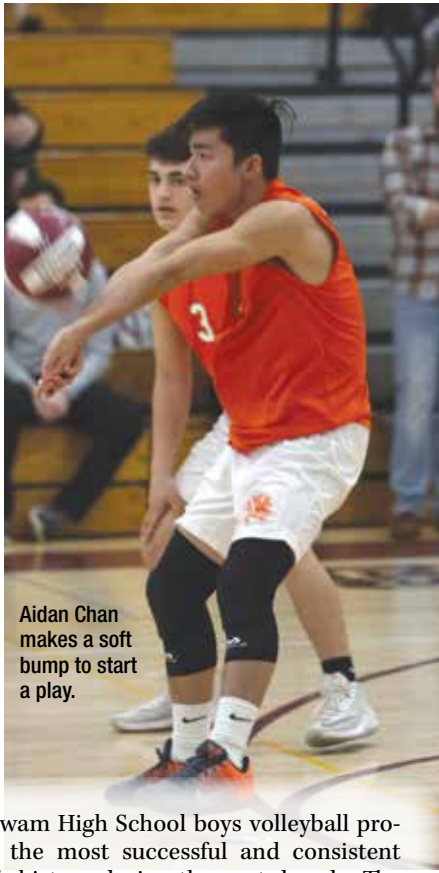


# SPORTS

## VOLLEYBALL



Zach Moccio makes a spike for the Brownies. FILE PHOTOS



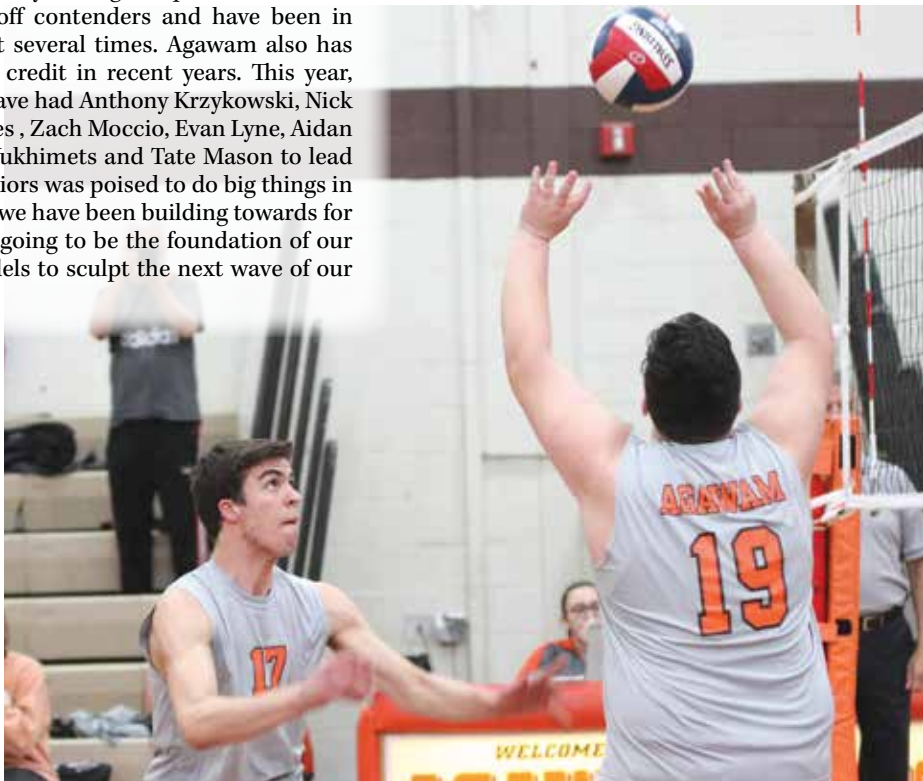
Aidan Chan makes a soft bump to start a play.



Evan Lyne gets the spike off.



Reynoldo Nieves makes a server for the Brownies against West Springfield last season.



Ruvim Yukhimets sets up his teammate, Anthony Kryzkowski, who makes a spike for a point.

AGAWAM – The Agawam High School boys volleyball program has been one of the most successful and consistent programs in the school's history during the past decade. The Brownies are constant playoff contenders and have been in the finals of the tournament several times. Agawam also has a state championship to its credit in recent years. This year, coach Kevin Pender would have had Anthony Krzykowski, Nick Lavrenchuck, Reynaldo Nieves, Zach Moccio, Evan Lyne, Aidan Chan, Nate Mateus, Ruvim Yukhimets and Tate Mason to lead the squad. "This group of seniors was poised to do big things in 2020," said Pender. "A season we have been building towards for four years. The seniors were going to be the foundation of our starting lineup and role models to sculpt the next wave of our program's growth."

## Fellows wins three in a row

WINCHESTER, NH: This past Sunday afternoon (July 5), Monadnock hosted the Tri Track 100 where Craig Lutz came out on top for the victory. Other winners included: Nathan Wenzel (Granby, Ma), Jaret Curtis (Rutland, Ma), Aaron Fellows (Croydon, NH) and Ben Byrne (Deerfield, Ma).

The Mini Stocks kicked off the day's racing events with their 25-lap event. Nathan Wenzel showed the field he was the man to beat on this day. Louis Maher III took the green to lead the field. Maher while going into turn one pushed up and allowed Wenzel to stick his machine on the inside of Maher and come out with the lead. "We had a fast car today; I wasn't sure how we would do today. Things just worked out for us," finished up Wenzel in victory lane. Rounding out the top five



Ben Byrne took the victory in the Modified event. SUBMITTED PHOTO

were Maher, Shelby Avery, Kevin Clayton and Ethan Marsh. The win moves Wenzel in the number two-point spot (eight points) be-

hind Gordon Farnum, who leads the points battle. Maher and Tim LeBlanc took down heat wins.

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## Distancing, disinfecting paramount for return to gyms

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REGION – For Western and Central Massachusetts, the return of recreational and organized sports has been long awaited, but it is not clear just how much of a return to action there will be.

Phase 3 of the Massachusetts re-opening plan has begun on Monday and the big difference between that and Phase 2 was the ability to for teams and leagues to transition from having practices to having actual contests.

Included in Phase 3 is also the ability to have limited crowds for youth sports. Adult leagues have the ability to also activate, with some baseball leagues set to begin play this week.

Also for sports enthusiasts, gym and fitness centers can also open with limited capacity and several guidelines.

Here are some helpful tips for you if you are returning to work out at your local gym.

Various equipment in gym must be at least 14 feet apart unless there is plexiglass or other physical barriers placed between the equipment. If that happens, the equipment need only be six feet apart. Equipment affected includes weights, machines, treadmills, and bikes.

The face covering rule is modified slightly.

If possible, those working out should wear a face mask. However, if the strenuous activity a

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# Sports

## Quabbin Valley League calls off 2020 season

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EASTHAMPTON – While some leagues are looking to start up play in Phase 3, one league will not be anymore.

The Quabbin Valley Over-30 Baseball League announced over the weekend that despite being scheduled to begin an eight-week season on July 12, the league was closing for at least the 2020 season.

The league has historically had six teams made up of 14-player rosters. The league recently changed its rules to allow players who are 28 and over, with the caveat that you must over 30 to pitch in the league.

There is a portion of the league's players that 45 or older, and that had led some players to decline to play due to concerns over the coronavirus pandemic. Other players who opted out of the season for various reasons, including having pregnant wives, or other personal situations that dictated they not play this season.

When those tallies were taken, Quabbin League President Eric Castonguay posted on the league website that the league was set to begin the season with just five of its normal six teams.

"We were going to have five teams and just have each team take a bye week," said Castonguay.

The league even began opening registration back up and collecting league fees before it had to shut it back down.

Castonguay said two more of the teams

informed the league four days after registration had re-opened that it would not have enough players to field teams. Signups were not full enough in order to be able to backfill the other teams or even make four teams, prompting the league to post this message to its players and prospective players on Sunday morning.

"Registration for the Quabbin Valley Baseball League is closed until the 2021 Season. Due to the COVID-19 outbreak, the league has been compelled to cancel the 2020 season entirely. We would expect and hope that the 2021 season would revert to our normal format, with at least 6 teams in a full season starting at the end of April. As to 2020 league fees, unless any players wish to have a refund, fees will be credited to the 2021 season."

Castonguay said the full year off and the various concerns with the coronavirus make it hard to predict how things will be next year, and he could not comment on how the 2021 season will look other than to hope the league will return with its full complement of teams.

The league typically played its games in Easthampton's Nonotuck Park, with games in Agawam, South Hadley, Belchertown, and Monson in recent years. The league featured a football-style playoff format where all six teams were granted playoffs games. The first two seeds would receive byes with the semifinals featuring 3 vs. 6 and 4 vs. 5 and the winners heading to play the top two seeds the following week.

## Games cancelled through July 26

REGION – All Bay State Games events originally scheduled for May 30 through July 26 will be cancelled in consideration for the health and well-being of all athletes, officials, coaches, medical staff, and volunteers. The challenges and uncertainty that COVID-19 has presented prevent the organization from appropriately planning, organizing, and producing events in 30 different sports this year.

This summer, Bay State Games was set to celebrate its 39th annual Summer Games. Due to multiple venue cancellations, the inability to conduct team sport tryouts in June, decisions by sport governing bodies to suspend competitions, medical committee concerns, as well as other factors, the Summer Games will not be able to proceed as scheduled.

"We are committed to the health and well-being of our constituents. It is of the

utmost importance to keep everyone safe during these unprecedented times," says Executive Director, Kevin Cummings. "While this was a very difficult decision, we believe it is appropriate given the unprecedented impact this pandemic has had on everyone, as well as our ability to produce events this year."

Bay State Games remains hopeful that some events may proceed in the fall if and when it is safe to do so. The specific sport pages on the Bay State Games website will be updated with information as it becomes available. All athletes who have registered for the 2020 Summer Games will be refunded for their registration fee. If the sport you wish to compete in can be held in the fall of 2020, it will require a new registration.

For more information, please visit [www.baystategames.org](http://www.baystategames.org). Please direct all questions and inquiries to [info@baystategames.org](mailto:info@baystategames.org).

## PVSSL season still delayed

REGION – The Pioneer Valley Summer Soccer League released a quick update at the beginning of the week in conjunction with Phase 3. League co-commissioner Dianna Kolodziej said the league is still waiting for some guidance from the state be-

fore engaging in actual games. The league is hoping to begin as soon as possible once it receives that guidance from the state. For updates, you can also go to [www.pioneer-valleysummersoccerleague.com](http://www.pioneer-valleysummersoccerleague.com).

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participant is doing requires them to take the mask off, they must remain 14 feet away from others. When wearing a face mask, normal six feet social distancing is advised.

"Circuit training," the use of multiple machines, is discouraged and should be limited. Customers should be trying to use just one piece of equipment at a time.

For those who are into classes such as spinning, yoga, or Zumba, gyms are allowed to have them, but are still encouraging classes to be held outdoors whenever possible.

Gyms are only allowed to utilize 40 percent of its occupancy on record. There must be signage and other visual advisories letting people know how equipment should be accessed.

Lunch and break times should be staggered for works to keep too many people out of one place.

All equipment must be sanitized between uses. Customers should not return equipment like weights to racks or containers without sanitizing it.

If you are working with a personal trainer, that trainer has to maintain social distancing and minimize close contact.

Another big thing gyms must do is allow 30 minutes between fitness classes to allow for thorough cleaning of those spaces.

Like many other businesses. If a gym has a worker, customer, or vendor with a positive test, the facility should be shut down for at least 24 hours for a full cleaning and disinfecting.

Various gyms will have other individual rules depending on the space. But the basics need to be followed by all in order to maintain smooth workouts for participants.



Nathan Wenzel, a resident of Granby, MA, also picked up a win during the event. SUBMITTED PHOTOS



Craig Lutz got the win in the Tri-Track 100.

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The 50-lap NHSTRA Modifieds were next. Ben Byrne started on the pole in the Byrne Towing #6 machine. As the green flag waved to start the event, Byrne shot to the lead as was untouchable throughout the event, leading wire to wire. Todd Patnode and Brian Robie completed the top three. "We were pretty lucky today and we had a real fast car. That's just the start for us today as we have another hundred laps to race later on this afternoon," commented Byrne in victory lane. In fact, the trio all qualified for the high paying Tri Track event later that evening. Trevor Bleau and Cameron Houle rounded out the top five. Heat wins went to Byrne and JT Cloutier. Robie with his third-place finish gives him a four-point lead in the points battle.

Jaret Curtis outlasted the field to take down the Street Stocks win. Curtis ran in the top four in the Tow Bandit Trailer's sponsored #33 all race. David Greenslit was able to hold on for second as third place runner Chase Curtis was all over his bumper. "We had a good car today, I really want to thank all my crew, they helped me get here," commented (Jaret) Curtis in victory lane. The win also gives Jaret the point lead over brother Chase by nine points. Heat wins went to Curtis and Hillary Renaud.

The Late Model Sportsman event had Aaron Fellows dominate the field for the win. Fellows not only took his heat race in fashion but showed the field it was his race for the taken, Fellows started on the front row and jumped out to the lead as the green waved. The green flag had problems staying out and a handful of yellow flags plagued the start of the 25-lap event. Fellows was able to withstand the charge of Robert Hager in the Monster spon-

sored machine. Hager was able to muster a charge on a couple attempts, but Fellows showed he had the dominate car today. Ryan Bell, Cole Littlewood and Justin Littlewood rounded out the top five. Fellows took down the heat win to start off the day. Fellows now has an eight point lead over Hager for the points battle.

This Saturday night (July 11), the speedway will host the annual Firecracker Night featuring the Street Stock Battle for the Belt, the weekly divisions along with fireworks by Atlas. Advanced tickets are recommended and available online at [monadnockspeedway.com](http://monadnockspeedway.com).

#### July 5, 2020 Results

NHSTRA Modified Results: Ben Byrne, Todd Patnode, Brian Robie, Trevor Bleau, Cameron Houle, Solomon Brow, Anthony Bello, Cory Plummer, Jason Houle, Keith Carzello, Kevin Pittsinger, Kim Rivet, Rob Richardi, Jerry Gomarolo, Bryan Crunden, Eric LeClair, JT Cloutier, Andy Major, Brian Chapin, Matt Kimball, Scott Bourn, Brad Zahensky

Street Stock Results: Jaret Curtis, Dave Greenslit, Chase Curtis, Jimmy Renfrew, Kyle Buck, Chris Buffone, Ed Lofland, Tim Wenzel, Mike Radzuik, Paul Barnard, Chris Riendeau, Robbie Streeter, Bryan Granger, Jon Porter, Eric LeBlond, Hillary Renaud, Troy Waterman, Chris Curtis

Late Model Sportsman Results: Aaron Fellows, Robert Hager, Ryan Bell, Cole Littlewood, Justin Littlewood, Matt Winter, Scott Beck, Camdyn Curtis

Mini Stock Results: Nathan Wenzel, Louis Maher II, Shelby Avery, Kevin Clayton, Ethan Marsh, Jared Roy, Tommy Silva, Gordon Farnum, Kevin McKnight, Pat Houle, Ray King, Jeff Asselin, Jake Puchalski, Tim Leblanc

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# Obituaries

## Death Notices

**Croteau, Audrey E.**  
Died July 4, 2020  
Celebration of Life to be held at later date

**Mineo, Joseph**  
Died July 3, 2020  
Online Condolences [www.forastiere.com](http://www.forastiere.com)

### Maryrose Losito Cicotte

Maryrose Losito Cicotte was born March 25, 1933 in Springfield MA. She passed away peacefully Wednesday, June 24th 2020. Predeceased by her parents Giacinto Losito and Angela Teresa (Gianinni) Losito, both born in Italy.

Maryrose graduated from Agawam High School in 1951. She worked as a Telephone Receptionist, Secretary, and Office Manager.

She inherited her mother's love of flowers. Many of the flowers in her garden were transplants from her mother's garden or wildflowers found in special places. She enjoyed planting the flowers in her daughter's and grandchildren's gardens.

She is reunited in joy with her daughter Laura Raiche and leaves behind Laura's husband Joseph Raiche. She also leaves her loving daughter Angela Sambrook and Angela's husband Jerry. She was very proud of her three granddaughters: Jennifer Cam-



purcani DePergola and husband Vinnie DePergola; Joella Raiche and partner Mark Surprenant; Sara Sambrook-Jones and husband Matt Jones. She was extremely thankful for the kindness shown by her brother Patrick Losito. Predeceased by sisters Doris Keeley, Mary Mullen, and Rose Montebello; brothers John Losito, Joseph Losito, Michael Losito, Neno Losito, and Felix Losito. She also had many nieces and nephews.

Her daughter and granddaughters fondly remember many adventures throughout New England, including impromptu picnics, swimming, outdoor music concerts, walks in the woods, art museums, and riding in the car singing along to songs. She considered her greatest accomplishment as raising her two daughters, who gave her three beautiful granddaughters who brought her so much joy.

### Audrey E. Croteau

Audrey E. Croteau, 79, died July 4, 2020, after a brief illness surrounded by her family. She was born September 6, 1940, in Springfield, Massachusetts.

She attended Springfield Technical High School and then went on to Yale New Haven Nursing School in Connecticut. Audrey enjoyed a career as a registered nurse working at Baystate Medical Center in Springfield. She later earned her bachelor's degree at American International College while working full time and raising her two children, Mike and Kathy. In 1987 she met and married the love of her life, Ronald Croteau, moved to Harwich MA, on Cape Cod and welcomed his three sons, Michael, Keith, and Danny into her family. There she thrived, made great friends and continued her career as a visiting nurse with the Chatham VNA. On the Cape she enjoyed her beach time at Pleasant Bay and spending time with Harriet and the late David Martin, who were like a second family to her.



She leaves her children Michael Jemilo and his wife, Candace of Stamford CT, Kathleen Davis and her husband Maurice of Plymouth MA, Michael Croteau, his wife Judy of Honolulu HI, Keith Croteau and his wife Michelle of Wappingers Falls NY, and Daniel Croteau and his life partner Coletta Moran of Brewster, MA. She also leaves her six grandchildren, Jessica and Daniele Croteau, Andrea and Michael Jemilo, and Strickland and Mitchell Davis. They were her pride and joy and she loved spoiling them and spending time with them as much as possible.

A celebration of life will be held at a later date at the home of Kathy and Rob Davis in Plymouth Massachusetts. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in her memory to the American Cancer Society or to the Alzheimer's Association.

Notes of comfort may be made to her family at [www.ccgfuneralhome.com](http://www.ccgfuneralhome.com)

### Joseph Mineo

Joseph Mineo, 62, beloved father, husband, brother and friend, died at home on Friday, July 3rd, 2020 surrounded by his loving family after a valiant battle with cancer. Born to the late Joseph Jr. and Patricia Mineo (Santaniello) on August 20, 1957 in Springfield, MA, Joe spent his early years in Forest Park, later graduating from Classical High School and Springfield Technical Community College. Joe helped many through career training at the Massachusetts Career Development Institute and later worked as an Assistant Director of Grant Management at Futureworks. Joe settled in Agawam in 1988 and advocated for the enhancement of his community through his involvement in athletics, local politics and by coaching several youth sports teams; including soccer, basketball and lacrosse. Joe was a twenty-year member of the Agawam City Council and a recipient of multiple awards, including a Lifetime Achievement Award from the Agawam Democratic Committee in recognition of his faithful service. Joe loved spending time, entertain, and cook for his family and friends. He also enjoyed vacationing at his lake cottage located in



Camp Wellville in Ashburnham. Joe married the love of his life, Anna (Capuano), in 1981 and enjoyed thirty-seven years of marriage. Joe is survived by his wife and their three children whom he was very proud of, Carmino and wife Lauren (Surprenant) Mineo, Luca and wife Briana (Calabrese) Mineo, Joanna Emilia Mineo and companion Salvatore Rimauro; his brother Vincent and wife Tracy Mineo, sister-in law Maria Capuano, nieces Sarah Hedges, Patricia Mineo, Marissa Mineo and Nicole Mineo who predeceased him; nephews Vincent Mineo and Farzad Darouian and many cousins, family members and friends. Joe will always be fondly remembered for being dedicated to his family and friends. He was generous, compassionate and a true gentleman. He was selfless and always put everyone's needs above his own. For those wishing, in lieu of flowers donations may be made to Baystate Hospice 83 South St #160, Ware, MA 01082. Colonial Forastiere Family Funeral Home, 985 Main St., Agawam, MA 01001 was entrusted with arrangements. For online condolences please visit [www.forastiere.com](http://www.forastiere.com).

# Agawam Junior High School Term 4 Honor Roll

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- Have offspring
- Not feeling well
- A very large body of water
- Witch
- Behemoth
- Speak negatively of
- Absence of difficulty
- Pampering places
- Drives
- Truck that delivers beer
- Makes
- A team's best pitcher
- \_\_\_ Carvey, comedian
- Seas
- S. American plants
- Time zone
- Deviate
- No longer are
- Moving in slowly

- Patrick and Glover are two
- Living quarters
- Taxi
- Pancake made of buckwheat flour
- Swiss river
- Not happy
- Have surgery
- Formal withdrawal
- Give way to anxiety
- Greek war god
- 2K lbs.
- Word of farewell

### CLUES DOWN

- \_\_\_ ex Machina
- WWII diarist Frank
- Concluding passage
- Supplement with difficulty
- Title of respect
- Cubic measures
- Remnant
- \_\_\_ Jones
- Salts of acetic acid

- Long, upholstered seat
- Capital of Okinawa Prefecture
- A one-time aspect of Egyptian sun god Ra
- Prefix denoting "in a"
- Propels upward
- What we are talking about
- Prosecutor
- Employee stock ownership plan
- He brings kids presents
- Burmese monetary unit
- Hurries
- Injury remnant
- Tooth caregiver
- Elvis backup singer Betty Jane
- "The Partridge Family" actress Susan
- Midway between east and southeast

- Most excellent
- Heat units
- Possess legally
- Food items
- Skeletal structures
- Challenge to do something bold
- Blood type
- Sammy \_\_\_, songwriter
- Farmer (Dutch)
- Clare Booth \_\_\_, American writer
- Piers Anthony's protagonist
- Malaysian coastal city
- Hairstyle
- NY-based department store
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- Brazilian city
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- Gesture



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**Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
The Trial Court  
Hampden Probate and Family Court  
50 State Street  
Springfield, MA 01103  
Docket No. HD08P1167EP1  
In the matter of:  
Joseph P. Losito  
Date of Death: 08/01/2007  
CITATION ON PETITION FOR ALLOWANCE OF ACCOUNT**

To all interested persons:  
A Petition has been filed by: **James W Gelinas of Chicopee, MA** requesting allowance of the second and final account(s) as Trustee and any other relief as requested in the Petition.

You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before **10:00 a.m. on 07/31/2020**.

This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an Affidavit of Objections within thirty (30) days of the return date,

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WITNESS, Hon. **Barbara M Hyland**, First Justice of this Court.  
Date: July 01, 2020  
**Suzanne T. Seguin**  
Register of Probate  
7/09/20  
**Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
The Trial Court  
Hampden Probate and Family Court  
50 State Street  
Springfield, MA 01103  
(413)748-7758  
Docket No. HD17P1460EA  
Estate of:  
Joanna C. Nelson  
Date of Death: 06/08/2017  
CITATION ON PETITION FOR ORDER OF COMPLETE SETTLEMENT**

A Petition for **Order of Complete Settlement** has been filed by **Shawne D White** of West Hollywood CA requesting that the court enter a formal Decree of Complete Settlement including the allowance of a final account and other such relief as may be requested in the Petition.

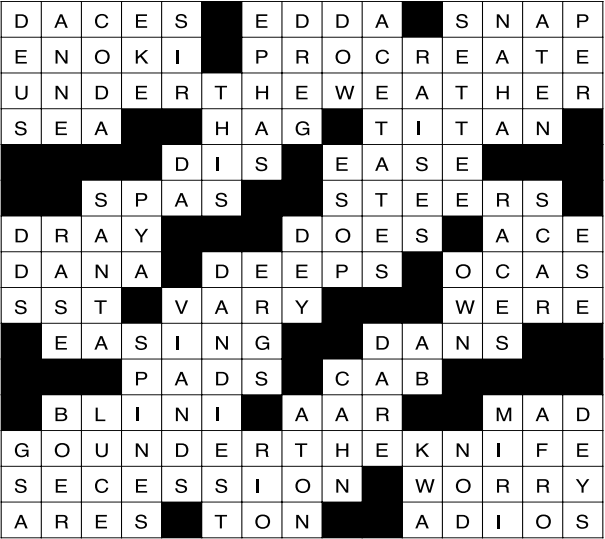
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WITNESS, Hon. **Barbara M Hyland**, First Justice of this Court.  
Date: June 29, 2020  
**Suzanne T. Seguin**  
Register of Probate  
7/09/2020

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Qualified applicants must have a high school diploma or equivalent; valid driver's license; state license for removal of nuisance wildlife; permit for the use of firearms; 2-3 years of experience with animal handling; must complete ACOAM Academy within 1 year of hire. Must be able to effectively communicate with the public and local, state, federal agencies.

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# Applause series ends amid pandemic

*The Cultural Council is looking for donations for the next season*

AGAWAM – Six months of fund-raising by the Agawam Cultural Council in support of season seventeen of its popular Applause Series abruptly came to an end this spring as everything shut down due to the coronavirus pandemic. Normally, freewill donations at these “first Friday” events would cover any shortfall. However, with only “virtual” performances on the schedule, the opportunity to collect the \$650 difference a few dollars at a time has been eliminated.

Sheila of Agawam was the first to commit her Hamilton to the cause. The Council is now challenging 64 like-minded members of the community to help raise the amount needed to fully fund the upcoming season – in \$10 increments – though larger amounts are certainly welcome! Whatever amount you can provide will be gratefully appreciated.

Please make your check out to the Agawam Cultural Council and send to Agawam Cultural Council, Agawam Town Hall, 36 Main Street, Agawam, MA 01001. Make sure to include an

email so that we may acknowledge your contribution.

Since 2004, the Applause Series has hosted more than 130+ musicians, artists, authors, actors, photographers, children’s productions, historians, and others at Friday evening presentations that outgrew the Agawam Public Library, prompting a move to larger quarters at the Agawam Senior Center in order to accommodate its growing audience.

The seventeenth season of the Applause Series, consisting of twelve events, begins Friday, September 4, 2020 and will end Friday, June 4, 2021. All events will be broadcast on Agawam Comcast Channel 15 and streamed on [www.agawammedia.tv](http://www.agawammedia.tv) until public performances can be held safely. More information can be found at [www.agawamcc.org](http://www.agawamcc.org).

The Agawam Cultural Council is an all-volunteer local partner of the Massachusetts Cultural Council, a state agency, and is funded, in part, by the MCC. The ACC is charged with bringing engaging, entertaining, and educational events and opportunities in the arts, humanities, and sciences, to children and adults from Agawam and the surrounding communities. There is no charge to join or to serve in the Council.

## applause series seventeen



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agawam cultural council [www.agawamcc.org](http://www.agawamcc.org)

The Applause Series' a longtime series put on by the Agawam Cultural Council, was abruptly ended due to lack of funding during the coronavirus pandemic. SUBMITTED PHOTO

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